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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BRIAN SETENCICH,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, a non-  
profit corporation, STEVE BROWN,  
ROBERT BROWNING and DOES 1  
through 30, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. C07-03688 SBA

[Honorable Sandra B. Armstrong,  
Department 3]

**DEFENDANT STEVE BROWN'S ANSWER  
TO BRIAN SETENCICH'S FIRST  
AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Complaint Filed: March 13, 2007  
First Amended Complaint Filed: November 8,  
2007  
Trial: None

1 Defendant Steve Brown ("Brown") answers and responds to plaintiff Brian Setencich's  
2 ("Setencich") First Amended Complaint as follow:

3 1. Answering paragraph 1, because paragraph 1 is a statement regarding the relief  
4 sought by Setencich and the statutes upon which he has relied in bringing this action, Brown can  
5 neither admit nor deny the allegations of this paragraph.

6 2. Answering paragraph 2, Brown is informed and believes that Marc Jackson  
7 ("Jackson"), the Director of Communications and Marketing for American Red Cross Blood  
8 Services' West Division invited Setencich to apply for the position of Communication Manager  
9 and that, if hired, Setencich would have been working directly for Jackson. Brown lacks  
10 knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of  
11 this paragraph and, accordingly, denies each such allegation.

12 3. Answering paragraph 3, Brown is informed and believes that since 1997, Jackson,  
13 along with his staff in the Communications and Marketing Department, has won national awards  
14 related to work they have performed for American Red Cross Blood Services Southern California  
15 Region / West Division. Except as expressly admitted or stated on information and belief, Brown  
16 denies the allegations in this paragraph.

17 4. Answering paragraph 4, Brown is informed and believes that the allegations of this  
18 paragraph are true.

19 5. Answering paragraph 5, Brown denies the allegations of this paragraph.

20 6. Answering paragraph 6, Brown is informed and believes that Jackson and  
21 Setencich met in the early 1990's. Brown is further informed and believes that Setencich made  
22 Jackson his Chief of Staff when Setencich was elected to the State Assembly in 1994. Brown  
23 lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining  
24 allegations of this paragraph and, accordingly, denies each such allegation.

25 7. Answering paragraph 7, Brown is informed and believes that Jackson began  
26 working for American Red Cross Blood Services in 1997. Brown lacks knowledge or  
27 information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of this  
28 paragraph and, accordingly, denies each such allegation.

1 8. Answering paragraph 8, Brown denies the allegations in this paragraph.

2 9. Answering paragraph 9, Brown lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form  
3 a belief as to the truth of the allegations of this paragraph and, accordingly, denies each such  
4 allegation in this paragraph.

5 10. Answering paragraph 10, Brown lacks knowledge or information sufficient to  
6 form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of this paragraph and, accordingly, denies each such  
7 allegation in this paragraph.

8 11. Answering paragraph 11, Brown denies the allegations in this paragraph.

9 12. Answering paragraph 12, the records maintained by the Department of Fair  
10 Employment and Housing speak for themselves.

11 **COUNT I**

12 **ASSOCIATION DISCRIMINATION**

13 13. Brown realleges and incorporates by reference its answers contained in paragraphs  
14 1 through 12 of the first amended complaint.

15 14. Answering paragraph 14, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008,  
16 the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

17 15. Answering paragraph 15, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008,  
18 the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

19 16. Answering paragraph 16, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008,  
20 the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

21 17. Answering paragraph 17, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008,  
22 the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

23 18. Answering paragraph 18, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008,  
24 the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

25 19. Answering paragraph 19, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008,  
26 the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

27 20. Answering paragraph 20, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008,  
28 the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

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21. Answering paragraph 21, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

22. Answering paragraph 22, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Association Discrimination has been dismissed as to Brown.

**COUNT II**

**FRAUD**

23. Brown realleges and incorporates by reference its answers contained in paragraph 1 through 22 of the first amended complaint.

24. Answering paragraph 24, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Fraud has been dismissed as to all defendants.

25. Answering paragraph 25, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Fraud has been dismissed as to all defendants.

26. Answering paragraph 26, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Fraud has been dismissed as to all defendants.

27. Answering paragraph 27, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Fraud has been dismissed as to all defendants.

28. Answering paragraph 28, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Fraud has been dismissed as to all defendants.

29. Answering paragraph 29, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Fraud has been dismissed as to all defendants.

30. Answering paragraph 30, pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 14, 2008, the claim for Fraud has been dismissed as to all defendants.

**COUNT III**

**NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

31. Brown realleges and incorporates by reference its answers contained in paragraphs 1 through 30 of the first amended complaint.

32. Answering paragraph 32, Brown denies the allegations in this paragraph.

33. Answering paragraph 33, Brown denies the allegations in this paragraph.

34. Answering paragraph 34, Brown denies the allegations in this paragraph.

35. Answering paragraph 35, Brown denies the allegations in this paragraph.

36. Answering paragraph 36, Brown denies the allegations in this paragraph.

37. Brown alleges the following as affirmative defenses:

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Failure to State a Cause of Action)**

38. Setencich's claims are barred by his failure to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(No Grounds for Punitive Damages)**

39. Brown is not guilty of malice, fraud or oppression against Setencich, and therefore, he is not entitled to punitive damages.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Failure to Mitigate Damages)**

40. If Setencich has suffered any injuries as alleged in the first amended complaint or otherwise, which Brown denies, then Setencich has failed to take reasonable steps to mitigate his alleged damages and any recovery in this action should be reduced to the extent that he failed to mitigate his damages.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(No Justifiable Reliance)**

41. Setencich's claim of alleged misrepresentation by Brown is barred because Setencich could not have justifiably or reasonably relied thereon.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(No Emotional Distress Damages)**

42. Brown's actions with respect to Setencich were neither extreme nor outrageous, and therefore, Setencich is not entitled to damages for emotional distress.

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**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(No Misrepresentation of Fact)**

43. Setencich's claim based on alleged misrepresentations by Brown is barred because Brown did not make any misrepresentation of fact.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Statutes of Limitation)**

44. The First Amended Complaint, and each and every purported cause of action alleged therein, is barred by the applicable statutes of limitations, including those set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 337, 338, 339 or 340 and Government Code Sections 129609 and 12965(b).

**EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**(Reservation of Further Defenses)**

45. Brown hereby reserves the right to amend this pleading to include further affirmative defenses.

**WHEREFORE**, prays for judgment as follows:

1. That Setencich takes nothing by reason of the first amended complaint;
2. That Setencich's first amended complaint be dismissed with prejudice;
3. That judgment be rendered in favor of Steve Brown;
4. That Steve Brown be awarded costs of suit;
5. That Steve Brown be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees; and

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6. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: March 26, 2008

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/s/ Sabrina L. Shadi

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I am employed in Los Angeles County, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is 12100 Wilshire Boulevard, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90025-7120. On March 26, 2008, I served a copy of the within document(s): **DEFENDANT STEVE BROWN'S ANSWER TO BRIAN SETENCICH'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

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- ☐ by transmitting via facsimile the document(s) listed above to the fax number(s) set forth below on this date before 5:00 p.m. and the transmission was reported as complete and without error.
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Executed on March 26, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.

/s/ Charlene E. Stamps

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